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THLASPI PARVIFLORUM **SMALL-FLOWERED PENNYCRESS**

Small-flowered Pennycress is a glabrous perennial with 1- many simple or branched stems that are 3-25 cm tall and originating from basal rosettes that arise from a simple or branched rootcrown. The basal leaves are narrowly spoon shaped and 1-4 cm long with entire or few-toothed margins and a petiole that is 1/2 to twice as long as the blade. The few to several clasping stem leaves are lance-shaped to narrowly elliptic and 5-35 mm long. The flowers are borne on spreading stalks that are 4-10 mm long in a narrow inflorescence that is congested in flowering but elongates with fruiting. The four sepals are 1-2 mm long, and the four separate, white petals are 2-4 mm long. The fruit is teardrop-shaped, 4-10 mm long, winged on the margins, and very shallowly lobed at the top with the style protruding less than 1 mm from between the lobes. Flowering in late June-early July, fruiting in August.

Distinguished from the more common *THLASPI MONTANUM* by its petals 3 mm or less long, and styles less than 1 mm long.